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Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 117 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2010, down 16 percent from the July 1, 2009, total. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 3.80 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 25.5 million were medium foodsize (over 1 ½ to 3 pounds per fish),

and 87.5 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1 ½ pounds per fish. There were 227 million stockers on hand July 1, 2010, down 29 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 113 million were large (over 000 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 114 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 661 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2010, down 11 percent from the 741 million on hand July 1, 2009.

All known catfish operators in the four states surveyed were contacted during the first half of July by mail, telephone and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State Surveyed, 2009-2010

State	Acres Intended for Utilization During July 1 – December 31					Acres Taken out of Production During Jan 1 – Jun 30
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for:		
				Renovation	New Construction	
	Acres					
2010						
Alabama	19,500	880	120	1	1	280
Arkansas	11,700	2,300	330	1	1	3,300
Mississippi	48,000	9,300	1,400	900	0	3,000
Total	79,200	12,480	1,850	1,550	45	6,580
2009						
Alabama	20,400	900	340	290	70	300
Arkansas	17,400	2,700	250	1,300	0	2,800
Mississippi	55,000	11,000	1,600	1,500	0	8,300
Total	92,800	14,600	2,190	3,090	70	11,400

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

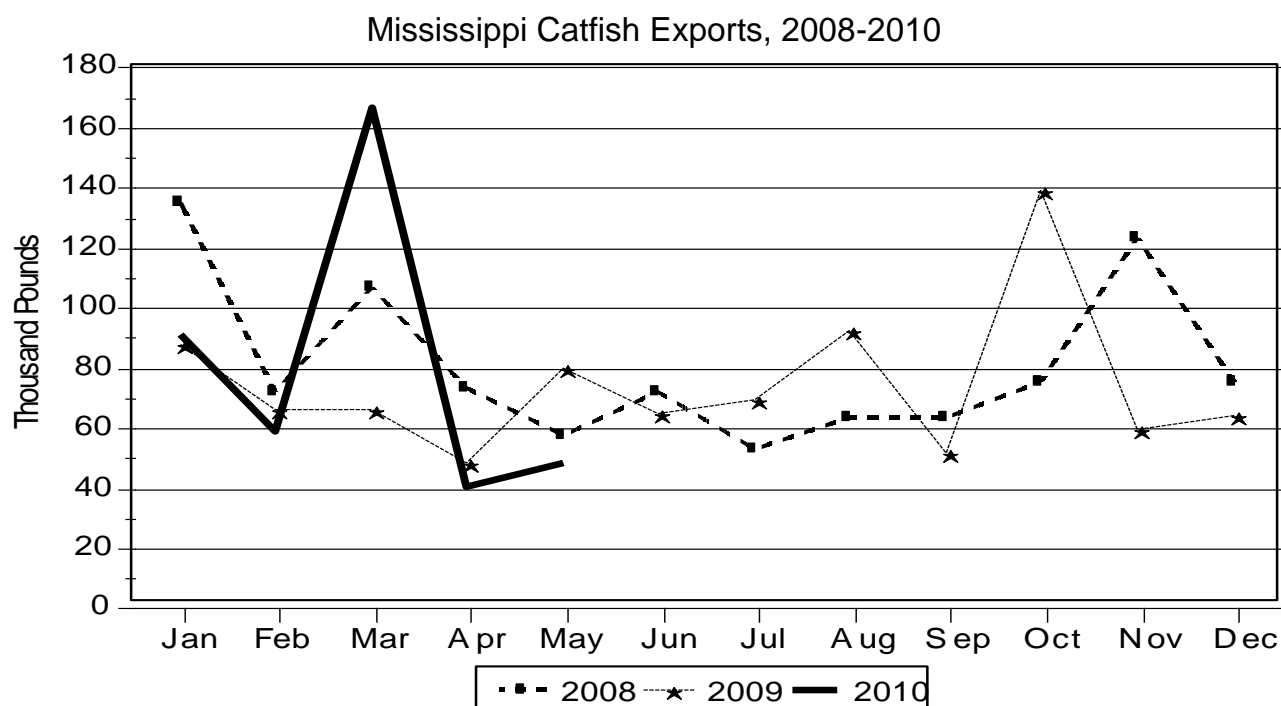
Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2009-2010

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per Fish	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	2,100	2,200	8,350	8,000	4.0	3.6
Arkansas	1,260	400	4,250	1,300	3.4	3.3
Mississippi	3,220	3,800	11,700	13,000	3.6	3.4
Total	6,580	6,400	24,300	22,300	3.7	3.5
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	21,300	27,300	42,600	52,300	2.0	1.9
Arkansas	11,000	8,470	20,800	15,900	1.9	1.9
Mississippi	32,900	25,500	60,900	47,200	1.9	1.9
Total	65,200	61,270	124,300	115,400	1.9	1.9
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	39,200	38,000	43,000	37,200	1.1	1.0
Arkansas	28,700	18,800	29,000	17,700	1.0	0.9
Mississippi	103,000	87,500	98,400	86,400	1.0	1.0
Total	170,900	144,300	174,400	141,300	1.0	1.0
Total Foodsize						
Alabama	62,600	67,500	93,950	97,500	1.5	1.4
Arkansas	40,960	27,670	54,050	34,900	1.3	1.3
Mississippi	139,120	116,800	171,000	146,600	1.2	1.3
Total	242,680	211,970	319,000	279,000	1.3	1.3
Boodfish						
Alabama	59	21	266	99	4.5	4.7
Arkansas	41	65	194	264	4.7	4.1
Mississippi	430	380	2,000	1,800	4.7	4.7
Total	530	466	2,460	2,163	4.6	4.6

Catfish: Inventory by Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2009-2010—Cont.

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds per 1,000 Fish	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	53,000	38,400	18,900	14,300	357	372
Arkansas	20,100	14,700	7,600	6,150	378	418
Mississippi	158,000	113,000	63,800	45,000	404	398
Total	231,100	166,100	90,300	65,450	391	394
Small Stockers						
Alabama	34,100	41,200	3,550	3,900	104.0	94.7
Arkansas	21,800	13,900	2,400	1,540	110.0	111.0
Mississippi	160,000	114,000	15,200	10,800	95.0	94.7
Total	215,900	169,100	21,150	16,240	98.0	96.0
Total Stockers						
Alabama	87,100	79,600	22,450	18,200	258	229
Arkansas	41,900	28,600	10,000	7,690	239	269
Mississippi	318,000	227,000	79,000	55,800	248	246
Total	447,000	335,200	111,450	81,690	249	244
Fingerlings and Fry						
Alabama	54,000	40,200	960	1,200	17.8	29.9
Arkansas	87,600	104,000	1,570	1,700	17.9	16.3
Mississippi	741,000	661,000	12,000	8,000	16.2	12.1
Total	882,600	805,200	14,530	10,900	16.5	13.5

NA Not available.



**Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for
Production, by State Surveyed, 2009-2010**

State	Number of Operations on July 1 ¹		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During July 1-December 31	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Number		Acres	
Alabama	NA	NA	21,700	20,600
Arkansas	NA	NA	20,700	14,600
Mississippi	NA	NA	70,000	60,000
Total	613	459	112,400	95,200

NA Not available.

¹ State level number of operations will only be published every five years in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture.